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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT CONFERENCE ISSUES INTERIM COMMUNIQUE

REF: (A) BAGHDAD 1568, (B) BAGHDAD 1557, (C) BAGHDAD 1553

1. ACCORDING TO REPORTS IN BAGHDAD PRESS, THE 40 TH CONFERENCE OF ARAB BOYCOTT OFFICERS (WHICH HAS BEEN MEETING IN BAGHDAD SINCE OCTOBER 18) ISSUED A MID-CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE ON OCTOBER 23 SAYING THAT THE ARAB COUNTRIES WILL RESPECT THEIR OWN BOYCOTT LEGISLATION. REGARDING US ANTI-BOYCOTT MEASURES, THE COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSED THE COLLECTIVE DETERMINATION OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES NOT TO DEAL WITH AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS AND COMPANIES WHICH DO NOT ABIDE BY THE BOYCOTT BECAUSE OF US LAWS. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO REITERATED THAT FOREIGN LAWS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES TO LIMIT BOYCOTT ACTIVITIES, THAT SUCH INTERFERENCE WILL BE FIRMLY OPPOSED, AND THAT THE ARAB BOYCOTT HAS NOT INTERFERED AND WILL NOT INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY.

2. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO SAID THAT THE "NATURAL AND LOGICAL RESPONSE" TO AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS AND COMPANIES WHICH DO NOT RESPECT THE BOYCOTT BECAUSE OF US LAWS IS TO DEPRIVE THESE FIRMS FROM "STARTING ANY ECONOMIC ACTIVITY" IN ARAB COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION, THESE ORGANIZATIONS AND COMPANIES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO IMPORT ANY RAW MATERIALS OR OTHER GOODS FROM THE ARAB COUNTRIES.

3. THE COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSED THE CONFERENCE'S WILL TO STAND UP TO ANY CONFRONTATION BROUGHT ABOUT BY ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY OR ORGANIZATION, AND SAID THE CONFERENCE HAS ADOPTED RECOMMENDATIONS THAT INCLUDE "DEFINED, CLEAR AND FIRM MEASURES" AGAINST "ZIONIST BLACKMAIL".

4. THE ARAB PRESS REPORTS CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE CONFERENCE CONTINUES ITS MEETINGS TO FORMULATE POLICIES TO STRENGTHEN THE ARAB BOYCOTT AGAINST THE
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"ZIONIST ENTITY" AND THE ORGANIZATIONS AND COMPANIES COOPERATING WITH IT.

5. WHEN COMMUNIQUE AVAILABLE, WE WILL FORWARD TRANSLATION OF FULL TEXT.
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